

# Legislative Fiscal Bureau

## Fiscal Note

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HF 642 - Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Violations (LSB 2701 HV)  
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### **Description**

House File 642 replaces the criminal penalty for selling motor vehicle fuel with trace amounts of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) with a civil penalty that will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The fines collected will be deposited into a compliance fund that is administered by the Department.

### **Assumptions**

1. The cost of a near-infrared liquid fuel analyzer with calibrations for gasoline and ethanol is estimated at \$23,000.
2. The cost of one van equipped with benches and work areas is estimated at \$51,000.
3. The cost for a gasoline and ethanol inspector is estimated at \$47,000 per year.
4. The cost for other support expenditures (computers and other equipment) is estimated at \$4,000 for FY 2004 and \$1,200 for FY 2005 and subsequent years.
5. Moneys from fines collected are not anticipated to be sufficient to cover the costs for the purchase of the equipment or the inspector during FY 2004 and FY 2005.

### **Correctional Impact**

House File 642 is expected to have a minimal correctional impact.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 642 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$125,000 for FY 2004 and \$48,000 for FY 2005 and subsequent years. The breakdown of estimated expenditures is as follows:

	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
Salaries	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000
Support	4,000	1,000
Equipment	<u>74,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	<u>\$ 48,000</u>

Fines collected and deposited into the compliance fund will not be sufficient to cover costs incurred in FY 2004 and FY 2005.

### **Sources**

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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